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SAFETY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE SANTA MARIA DISTRICT PACIFIC OCS REGION

TEXACO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION, INC. PLATFORM HARVEST

This award is presented to Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc. (Texaco) for safe production practices and professional adherence to the operating regulations and other requirements pertaining to Health, Safety, and Environment for the period July 1 through December 31, 1996.

During the rating period, Minerals Management Service (MMS) personnel conducted thirty-one inspections of production operations on Platform Harvest. The results of these inspections indicated that Texaco had an outstanding record in conducting overall operations in accordance with MMS regulations and the criteria established for the Safety Award for Excellence Program. Texaco's field and management personnel showed an excellent awareness, knowledge, and application of Federal, State, and local operating regulations and permit conditions.

Texaco's personnel on Platform Harvest demonstrated superior expertise in operating a highly sophisticated and complex platform. In addition to normal production operations, Texaco's personnel were also preparing for a change in operators on Platform Harvest from Texaco to Chevron U.S.A., Inc. Throughout the transition, Texaco employees never compromised their efforts to protect human safety and the environment.

The Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Minerals Management Service join me in commending Texaco for its part in developing offshore mineral resources while maintaining a constant awareness for the safety of personnel, protection of the environment, and adherence to operating regulations.

**J. Lisle Reed
Regional Director
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